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SUBJECT: TANZANIA- RWANDA- BURUNDI

1. IN SESSION MARCH 8 WITH EMB. POL. OFFMN VISITING FSO PATTISON FROM AF/ RA, AND VISITING POL/ ECON. OFF. TYNES FROM BUJUMBURA, FOREIGN MINISTRY AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION CHIEF RUPA GAVE GOT VIEW ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS VIS- A- VIS BURUNDI AND RWANDA.

2. RUPA NOTED THAT BURUNDI HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ACCUSED TANZANIA OF HARBORING BARUNDI NATIONALS WHO HAVE GOAL OF OVERTHROWING REGIME IN BUJUMBURA. GOB HAS REQUESTED THAT GOT RETURN THESE NATIONS TO BURUNDI, REQUEST WHICH HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN FLATLY FOLLOWING UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT SOMETIME AGO WHEN SOME BARUNDI WERE TURNED OVER TO AUTHORITIES AND LATER KILLED. GOT NOW REFUSES EVEN TO PROVIDE NAMES OF BARUNDI RESIDING IN TANZANIA. RUPA ESTIMATED THERE ARE CURRENTLY 18,000 BARUNDI REFUGEES IN COUNTRY. HE SAID, UNLIKE REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA, THEY PROVIDE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR GOT AS THEY MELD IN WELL WITH TANZANIAN PEASANTS.

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3. RUPIA CONFIRMED THAT RECENT VISIT TO DAR ES SALAAM BY BURUNDI FOREIGN MINISTER SIMBANANIYE (DAR ES SALAAM 759) CONCERNED PRIMARILY SITUATION IN RWANDA. HE NOTED GOT DISPATCHED PRINCIPAL SEC. IN MIN. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NYAKYI, TO KIGALI THREE DAYS AGO IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE SIMBANANIYE CHARGES CONCERNING DISTURBANCES IN RWANDA. GOT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE NYAKYI' S REPORT MOMENTARILY AND WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY. RUPIA IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT TANZANIA DOES NOT DESIRE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS INTERNAL DISPUTE. TANZANIA MEDIA ALSO REPORTS NYAKYI CARRYING SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE TO PRESIDENT KAYIBANDA. RUPIA SAID SIMBNANIYE REVIVED IN " ROUNDABOUT" WAY ALLEGATIONS OF TANZANIAN SUPPORT FOR DISSIDENT BARUNDI RESIDING IN TANZANIA.

4. UNHCR REP. KAELENIUS POINTED OUT IN LATER MEETING THAT HE IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF RWANDAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN TANZANIA AS RESULT OF RECENT DISTURBANCES IN RWANDA. AT PRESENT TIME, UNHCR HAS NO CONFIRMATION THAT ANY REFUGEES HAVE ENTERED TANZANIA. UNHCR STATISTICS AS OF END DECEMBER 1972 INDICATE THAT 14,000 RWANDAN REFUGEES RESIDE IN TANZANIA AS RESULT OF MUCH EARLIER DIFFICULTIES. UNHCR PLACES BARUNDI REFUGEE FIGURE AT 23,000. KAELENIUS NOTED THAT GOT IS COOPERATING WITH UNHCR IN MOVING BARUNDI REFUGEES AWAY FROM BORDER AREA AND INTO RESETTLEMENT CAMPS.

5. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES REP. CROSSON COMMENTED IN SEPARATE MEETING THAT THERE ARE ACTUALLY 40,000 BARUNDI REFUGEES IN TANZANIA. HE SAID UNHCR FIGURE OF 23,000 IS OFFICIAL GOT NUMBER WHICH HAS BEEN PURPOSELY REDUCED IN ORDER THAT GOVERNMENT NOT BE PLACED IN POSITION OF HAVING TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENT CAMPS FOR THAT LARGE A NUMBER. CROSSON WAS ALSO SOMEWHAT LESS SANGUINE THAN UNHCR REP. ABOUT GOT EFFICIENCY IN MOVING BARUNDI REFUGEES AWAY FROM BORDER INTO CAMPS. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES 40,000 BARUNDI REFUGEE FIGURE MOST ACCURATELY REFLECTS SITUATION IN TANZANIA. END COMMENT.
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